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In re application of:

Charles Vann et al.

Serial No.: **09/506,870**

Group Art Unit: **1743**

Filed: **February 15, 2000**

Examiner: **Bex, P.**

For: **BEAD DISPENSING SYSTEM**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- A Preliminary Amendment.
- A Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 to the Office Action Dated October 1, 2001.
- An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed _____.
- Other: _____.

- Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:
 - an Independent Inventor
 - a Small Business Concern
 - a Nonprofit Organization
- This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.
- Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.
- An Abstract is enclosed.
- _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: _____ is enclosed.
- An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement.
 - Attached Form 1449.
 - A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- Appended Material as follows: _____
- Other Material as follows: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

FEE CALCULATION

No Additional Fee is Due.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	40	50 (20 MINIMUM)	0	\$9 EACH	\$	\$18 EACH	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	4 (3 MINIMUM)	0	\$42 EACH	\$	\$84 EACH	\$0
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Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of @@ to and through @@ comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of @@ month(s).

The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to deposit

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Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).

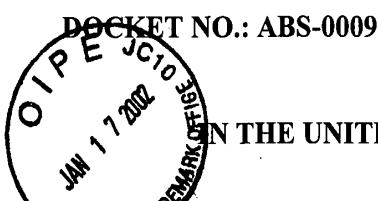
SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

Date: 11/10/



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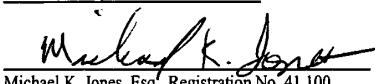
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On November 1, 2001


Michael K. Jones, Esq., Registration No. 41,100

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2001 (paper no. 10), in connection with the above-captioned patent application, the Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and the following remarks:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for picking up a plurality of submillimeter beads from a bead supply and transferring said beads to a desired location, comprising:

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